



North Carolina Retirement Services Office

Retirement Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What TRICARE information do I need?

- ~ Grey area retiree's contact local VA representative, may qualify for TRICARE retired reserve.
- ~ 60 and over are automatically enrolled in TRICARE standard.
- ~ 65 and over need to use Medicare Part B, then have TRICARE as secondary.
- ~ Additional TRICARE questions can be answered at (877) TRICARE (874-2273)

Q. When am I eligible for retired pay?

- ~ Eligible at age 60 to collect retirement pay.
- ~ Effective 28 Jan 2008, reduced eligibility age for Soldiers of the ready reserve who serve on active duty in support of contingency operations. 90 day increments within the same Fiscal year. (No earlier than age 55)

Q. When should I complete my Retirement Application Packet?

- ~ 6-8 months from being eligible to draw Retired Pay. You may contact your local unit administrator, review the Retirement Videos on the NCNG Public Site, or contact the Retirement Service Officer (RSO) to assist with the packet.

Q. What Documents do I need to apply for Retirement?

- ~ When applying for retired pay your application should consist of:
 - DD Form 108 (Application for Retired Pay)
 - DD Form 2656 (Data for Retired Pay Benefits)
 - W4P Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity
 - SF1199A (Direct Deposit Form)
 - NGB Form 23A (ARNG RPAM Statement for Retired Pay)
 - Copy of Notice of Eligibility (20 or 15 year letter)
 - DD Form 1883/2656-5 (RC-SBP Election Certificate)
 - Retirement Order
 - NGB 22

Q. What is the state pension?

- ~ North Carolina provides a state pension for members who have served 15 years or more in the North Carolina National Guard with at least 20 years of total service.
- ~ Provides a \$105.00 monthly pension for 20 years of service, plus \$10.50 per year after not to exceed \$210.00.

Q. What is the state pension? (Continued)

~ Documents required are:

- OTAGNC Form 127-1-R (Request for State Pension)
- NC Form 170 (Direct Deposit Form)
- Copy of Social Security Card

Q. What is Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan?

~ The RC-SBP is designed to protect dependents of retirement eligible reserve Soldiers who die before his or her 60th birthday by leaving a percentage of retired pay for their dependents, not to exceed 55%.

Q. How much retired pay will I receive?

~ You can **Estimate** your retired pay with SBP deductions by going to:
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Calculators/SurvivorBenefitPayCalc.aspx>

Q. When and where can I get my retiree ID card?

~ Once your Retirement Application is processed, DFAS will send a letter stating you are retired and to take the letter to your local ID card facility.
~ For available ID Card locations you may contact (919) 664-6250

Q. How do I get a copy of my DD214 or NGB 22?

~ North Carolina National Guard Soldiers contact 919-664-6000 ask for records.
~ All others contact National Archives at 866-272-6272.

Q. What happens if I am non-retained from a retention board?

~ Contact the Retirement Service Officer: you may still be eligible for retirement benefits.
~ Attend retirement briefing to review retirement options.



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For additional information on Retirement please visit the NCNG Retirement Services Office website below.

Website: <http://nc.ng.mil/services/retirement/Retirement/Pages/default.aspx>